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PATENT

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Serial No.:	09/775,077	Group Art Unit:	2174
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Title:	BEZEL INTERFACE FOR SMALL COMPUTING DEVICES		

EXHIBIT A

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

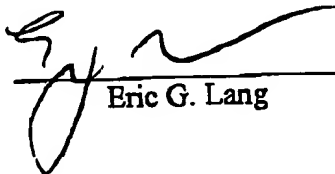
I, Eric G. Lang, declare as follows:

1. I am the sole named inventor on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/775,077 filed January 31, 2001.
2. I am the author of the dated description of the invention attached to US Patent Application Serial No. 09/775,077, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
3. I am aware of the Examiner's Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, in which US Patent No. 6,556,222 to Narayanaswami was cited by Examiner Chuong in a rejection of all the pending claims of the present application under either 35 USC § 102(e) and or § 103(a).
4. The invention set forth in each of the rejected claims 1-13, 15-32, and 33-40 in US Patent application 09/775,077 was conceived and actually reduced to practice by me at least prior to June 30, 2000, the filing date of the Narayanaswami patent. Exhibit B, attached hereto, is evidence of conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention. Indeed, the date on my document is February 18, 2000, four months before the filing date of the 6,556,222 patent to Narayanaswami.
5. The dated description of the invention found in Exhibit B documents both conception and actual reduction to practice of the claimed invention by at least February

of 2000. The dated description of the invention references a bezel that functions as an input method for a smart watch.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date August 3, 2004


Eric G. Lang